

I oppose media concentration!

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In promoting its supposed goals of fair competition, diversity and local voice in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of the huge, dominant companies and players in the broadcast industry.

Please do not further de-regulate the media industry which will result in a further decrease in broadcast diversity. As it is, very few companies own a huge share of the radio, television, music, entertainment, and print news media. For a democracy to work, citizens must be able to stay informed about current events and issues. If media sources are consolidated into a few hands, it will strangle the ability of citizens to stay informed. As it is, there is very little coverage of the FCC's commission on deregulation by the mainstream media--doesn't this signal how devastating such further deregulation will have on the free market of information and ideas? Please allow more time for public comment on this important issue.

Thank you,

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